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Washington Crop Weather

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Winter Wheat Conditions Remain Good in Some Areas First Snowfall at Lower Elevations

Field Crops

Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.5. Unusually favourable weather conditions continued to push winter wheat along in nearly all wheat growing regions in the State. Reseeding appeared to have been minimal and Walla Walla County reported wheat was over 9 inches tall in places. In Grant County, corn for grain and processing carrot harvest continued. Christmas tree harvest was in full swing as growers rushed to cut, bale and load trees destined for retail lots in Southern U.S. markets for after Thanksgiving Day sales.

Fruits and Vegetables

In the Yakima Valley, apple harvest was nearly complete with Cripps Pink variety still coming in. Temperatures got low enough in some areas of the County that some of the crop had to be diverted to processing markets. Klickitat County reported orchard cleanup was underway.

Livestock

Range and pasture conditions were 3 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 51 percent good and 4 percent excellent. On the east side, calves were being weaned and marketed while cows continued on fall pasture.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Week	Days
This Week	4.5
Last Week	5.0

Moisture and Supply

Item	Percent			
	VS	SH	AD	S
Topsoil	0	8	47	45
Topsoil 5 Yr Avg	6	13	55	26
Subsoil	2	24	70	4
Subsoil 5 Yr Avg	16	31	49	4
Irrigation Water	0	2	92	6
Irrigation Water 5 Yr Avg	2	5	91	2
Hay & Roughage	0	4	79	17
Hay & Roughage 5 Yr Avg	9	16	68	8

VS=Very Short SH=Short AD=Adequate S=Surplus

Crop Progress

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This Week	Last Week	2009	5 Yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat Emerged	97	96	91	90
Potatoes Harvested	99	98	99	99
Field Corn Mature	97	96	100	100
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	82	65	94	93
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	98	97	100	100

Crop Condition*

Crop	% Acreage				
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Winter Wheat Dryland	0	0	7	76	17
Winter Wheat Irrigated	0	0	41	25	34

VP=Very Poor P=Poor F=Fair G=Good

EX=Excellent

*Crop conditions are a measurement of the growing conditions and are not indicative of the quality of the crop produced.

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COUNTY COMMENTS

Western

Grays Harbor: Christmas tree harvest was in full swing as growers rushed to cut, bale and load trees destined for retail lots in southern markets. Livestock producers took advantage of several days with no rain to do outside chores including fence and roof repair on farm buildings.

Grays Harbor/Lewis/Pacific: Experienced typical wet fall weather.

Mason: We finally had complete leaf drop, though it was late. Pastures were still growing, but slowing down. Mild weather continued.

Pierce/South King: Crop conditions remained good for this time of year. No report of any unusual situations. No reports of any crop damage due to an adverse weather condition this last week.

San Juan: Cool and moderate weather with only occasional light rain allowed fall fieldwork to continue.

Snohomish/King: Wet fields slowed fieldwork. Standing water was present at some places most of

the week. Cover crops were doing well, except where covered with water. Pasture growth was about over for the season. Holiday preparations continued.

Thurston: Deciduous trees including big leaf maple and Oregon Ash have now lost their colorful fall foliage transitioning the rural landscape from fall to winter. Heavy rain showers and breezy conditions throughout the week confined agricultural producers to inside chores. Christmas tree growers were the exception as they braved the elements to continue harvesting trees for shipment to southern retail lots in time for the Thanksgiving weekend. Cover crops of Austrian peas and annual ryegrass were producing a tapestry of green colors on organic vegetable grower fields. Dairy producers took advantage of two days with no rain to apply liquid manure to forage fields.

Whatcom: Raspberry growers continued to prune and tie plants as the milder weather continued. Christmas tree growers were beginning to cut trees for wholesale market.

Central

Chelan: Apple harvest was essentially complete. No action in most orchards.

Douglas: The high was 45.2 degrees on November 8th and the low was 21.8 degrees on November 9th. There was no measurable precipitation for last week. Winter wheat conditions looked average to good throughout much of the county but below average to poor in the south eastern corner.

Grant: Dry corn harvest was in full swing. Processing carrot harvest was underway.

Klickitat: Weather has been a little warmer in the mornings and 40 to 50 degrees during the day. Most of the producers were winding down. Planting was done and producers were working their summer fallow for next year. Cows were on fall pasture. There have been a couple of short rain showers but not enough to raise the moisture level.

Klickitat (2nd Report): The daily average temperatures remained suspended in mid to upper 30s for six days until this chilly holding pattern finally broke on Sunday with a high of mid 50s and a low of mid 40s. A surprisingly swift temperature drop about noon on Tuesday ushered in the first snowfall at lower elevations. Some areas saw morning freezing

fog on Wednesday. Conditions were not favorable for fieldwork. Agricultural producers were on notice to finish up winterizing farms. Soil temperatures dropped and fall plant growth has slowed. Fall calves continued to do well. Where pastures hold up supplemental feed has not begun yet. Orchard cleanup was well underway with mowing to reduce rodent cover. Apple varieties were in good supply.

Yakima: Average temperatures were generally warmer than normal, varying from 9 degrees below normal to 14 degrees above normal. There was .08 inches of precipitation. No crop losses due to weather conditions were reported.

Yakima (2nd Report): Widespread precipitation in Yakima County contributed about 0.1 inch of precipitation. Daytime highs in the beginning of the week dipped as low as the upper 30s and towards the end of the week reached the mid 60s. In some local areas in the county night time temperatures did drop to the lower 20s. Apple harvest was nearly complete with Cripps Pink variety still coming in. Temperatures got low enough in some areas of the county that some of this crop had to be diverted to processing markets.

Eastern

Adams: Fall moisture has been good and winter wheat was in mostly good to excellent condition.

Asotin: Seasonably mild conditions with occasional rain this past week. Winter wheat conditions in most areas were good with adequate moisture.

Asotin/Garfield: Nice fall weather, seasonably cool with a few showers.

Ferry: Lack of snow delayed the feeding of cattle which was needed with the spike in grain prices this fall.

Lincoln: Crops continued to look good with the recent cold weather pushing the winter wheat towards dormancy.

Lincoln (2nd Report): Winter wheat was in mostly good to excellent condition with good fall precipitation levels.

Lincoln (3rd Report): Precipitation was received during the week, which continued to help grass growing on fall pasture. However, colder temperatures were also experienced which also contributed to livestock starting to be fed and cattle being sent to market. Most of the winter wheat looked to be in good condition.

Pend Oreille/Spokane: Weather this week included some rain, sunshine and a little snowfall that did not stick around very long. Most all of the fieldwork was

done and people were just putting away machinery. Fall seeded wheat looked pretty good and most of it had finally emerged except for the later seeded acreage. Some cattlemen were starting to supplement feed and a number of producers have moved animals to market.

Stevens: Rains during the week saturated soils and brought a halt to fieldwork. Calves continued to move to market at good prices. Winter wheat looked good.

Walla Walla: Rain showers have moved through the area over the past week. Winter wheat has emerged and was growing very quickly, almost 10 inches high in some places. Some reseeded has occurred. Most all crops have been harvested, there was still some grapes hanging on the vines. Initial reports indicated that precipitation levels were two inches over last year.

Walla Walla (2nd Report): A few days with light rain made fields a little muddy, freezing some nights in some spots. Fall seeded wheat looked mostly great. No reports of any rust yet. Hay was available. Calves were being weaned and marketed.

Whitman: Experienced good moisture this fall and the winter wheat looked good. Some had to be re-seeded but more rain and weather that was fairly warm has been good for the fall wheat.

Weekly Weather Statistics
November 15, 2010

STATION	AIR TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS				LAST WEEK PRECIP			SEASON CUM PRECIP			
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	LO	HI	AVG	DFN	TOT	DFN	TOT	DFN	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	PCT	DAYS
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WEST															
Bellingham_Intl	34	52	45	+1	0	-7	0	+0	0.55	-0.62	7	8.18	+0.59	108	42
Hoquiam	34	54	45	-3	0	-7	0	+0	1.42	-0.93	7	16.44	+2.53	118	41
Kelso	37	55	46	+1	1	-6	0	+0	0.95	-0.56	7	8.81	-0.20	98	35
Olympia	31	60	44	+2	3	-2	0	+0	0.83	-1.03	7	15.22	+5.16	151	40
Seattle-Tacoma_	37	52	45	-2	0	-7	0	+0	0.75	-0.59	7	13.27	+5.64	174	44
Shelton	29	56	42	-4	1	-6	0	+0	0.98	-1.37	5	19.06	+6.49	152	40
Tacoma_WA_AP	30	54	44	-2	0	-7	0	+0	0.73	-0.64	7	10.85	+3.05	139	40
Vancouver_WA	33	57	45	+0	2	-5	0	+0	1.26	-0.07	7	9.88	+2.23	129	37
CENTRAL															
Ellensburg	23	62	40	+4	2	+2	0	+0	0.11	-0.17	3	2.58	+1.04	168	21
Omak_AP	23	49	36	+2	0	+0	0	+0	0.23	-0.12	6	2.50	+0.16	107	23
Stampede_Pass	26	42	32	+2	0	+0	0	+0	1.89	-0.88	7	16.64	+1.52	110	40
Wenatchee_AP	27	53	39	-1	0	-7	0	+0	0.13	-0.13	2	1.61	+0.29	122	18
Yakima_AP	21	65	39	-1	1	-6	0	+0	0.08	-0.13	3	1.81	+0.54	143	18
NORTHEAST															
Colville	31	47	39	+3	0	+0	0	+0	0.21	-0.39	5	3.72	+0.24	107	29
Deer_Park	23	48	35	-2	0	+0	0	+0	0.13	-0.45	2	4.95	+1.91	163	30
Republic	25	50	38	+5	0	+0	0	+0	0.12	-0.23	2	3.34	+0.90	137	25
Spokane_AP	29	46	37	+1	0	+0	0	+0	0.08	-0.41	2	3.27	+0.66	125	26
EAST CENTRAL															
Ephrata	24	54	37	-3	0	-6	0	+0	0.19	-0.02	3	2.46	+1.26	205	19
Moses_Lake	24	53	38	-2	0	-6	0	+0	0.13	-0.08	4	2.00	+0.80	167	23
Quincy	23	58	39	+0	0	-6	0	+0	0.24	-0.02	3	1.81	+0.43	131	15
Ritzville	26	48	37	-2	0	-3	0	+0	0.21	-0.14	4	3.37	+1.36	168	27
SOUTHEAST															
Hanford	24	56	40	-4	0	-7	0	+0	0.09	-0.12	1	1.18	+0.04	104	16
Lake_Bryan_Rice	33	56	44	+5	0	-7	0	+0	0.15	-0.25	4	2.99	+0.71	131	24
Pasco	26	63	44	+1	3	-4	0	+0	0.13	-0.09	3	2.44	+1.12	185	22
Pullman	28	47	37	-2	0	-7	0	+0	0.27	-0.34	4	4.20	+0.64	118	31
Silcott_Island_	33	55	43	+0	0	-7	0	+0	0.16	-0.12	5	1.81	-0.38	83	25
Walla_Walla_Rgn	32	60	45	+2	3	-4	0	+0	0.32	-0.31	3	4.04	+0.34	109	27
Whitman_Mission	27	55	41	-3	0	-7	0	+0	0.47	+0.05	4	4.29	+1.79	172	29
WESTERN_IDAHO_PANHANDLE															
Lewiston_ID	31	51	42	-2	0	-7	0	+0	0.44	+0.16	5	2.51	+0.32	115	26

Summary based on NWS data.
Season Cumulative Precip Starts: Friday September 1, 2010
DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).
NA = Data Unavailable

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days =
Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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